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# Elmvale extends helping hand to motorists stranded by blizzard

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Feb 20, 2025

It wasn't on the same magnitude as the tragedy that spawned the Broadway hit *Come from Away*, but what's transpired in Elmvale over the past few days could make for an inspirational sequel.

After declaring a 'significant weather event' Sunday morning and asking folks to stay off the roads, Springwater Township was forced to go into full rescue mode late Monday afternoon when blizzard conditions virtually sealed off the village of Elmvale from the rest of the municipality.

Roads in and around the village were closed and township officials reiterated their request to motorists to avoid all non-essential travel.

For some, the warning came too late — they were already on one of the just-closed roads, stuck in a drift or a snowbank or unable to free themselves and unsure of when help might arrive.

"I think we did 20 vehicles on the 7th (Concession) alone, between 7 and 10 p.m. on Monday," Jeff French, the township's deputy fire chief, said last night following the township's council meeting where he provided an update on the situation with fire chief Jeff Kirk.

French says the conditions were unlike anything he's ever experienced.

"It was just like the story my parents used to tell — we walked two miles to school, uphill both ways, in a snowstorm. That's literally what happened," he said. "You're walking up snowbanks, uphill, all the way in and all the way out."

According to Nicole Audette, Springwater's communications officer, the township had all of its equipment out at the height of the storm — 13 plows, two graders and two loaders.

"As part of the cleanup, we have added one contract blower, one contract grader and borrowed a blower from the Town of Innisfil," she said Thursday morning in an email to BarrieToday.

The significant weather event remains in effect. "Notice will be posted on our website and social-media channels when it is lifted," Audette added.

While fire and emergency services were digging out trapped travellers, the township's public works crew set to work on making the roads passable while the administration and parks and recreation teams



headed up efforts to open an emergency warming centre at the Elmvale Community Centre for anyone stranded in the storm.

Matt Garwood, who lives in the village and represents Elmvale on township council, just happened to have a key to the community centre.

"Most of the township's staff was busy elsewhere, so my wife and I went over to the community centre and started to get it ready," he said. "It wasn't very long after we opened it up that the mayor (Jennifer Coughlin) drove in and we stayed overnight to support our 'guests' while they were there."

As word of the emergency began to spread, offers of assistance began to roll in. Garwood said at least 25 villagers stopped by the warming centre to drop off food, drinks, blankets, toys and various other sundry items, like phone chargers.

Some would simply drop off goods while others stayed and comforted those who were stranded.

"Some of them just barged in and started handing out stuff," Garwood said. "You couldn't stop them from helping."

Garwood says the outpouring of assistance made a terrible situation bearable.

"They (the people who were rescued) didn't know what to expect when they walked in after being frozen

and probably terrified or anxious because their car's in a ditch somewhere," Garwood said. "They showed up to a building they've never been into, in a little town that many of them probably never heard of."

"When they were leaving, there were hugs, high-fives and a real sense of gratitude for the folks in this community," he added.

Briana Dean, manager of parks and recreation for the township, spent a lot of time at the warming centre during the emergency. She said the atmosphere in the warming centre was surprisingly calm, given the situation.

"Everyone was trying to help each other out," she said. "They were exhausted but calm."

"It wasn't chaotic at all," Dean added.

The township closed the warming centre Wednesday around noon, following the departure of the last three 'guests'.

Springwater's fire chief said the events of the past few days illustrate the need, and importance, of having a full tank of gas at all times, a 72-hour emergency winter car kit onboard the vehicle and following emergency warnings.

"If we're asking you to stay off the roads, it's for a reason," Kirk said. "More cars only compound the problem."



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Dear Editor,

The issue drawing all the attention to the Tiny Township Council is the new administration building, it's costs, and the reluctance of the council to consider less expensive options. Given the cost of the proposed building, it's appropriate that this issue is treated as a priority.

I'm writing to draw attention to another issue the township has that negatively impacts on every resident of the township using a holding tank for sewage. Recently Midland stopped accepting sewage from the service companies operating in Tiny: Georgian Sanitation and Regional Sanitation, necessitating them to arrange for alternate disposal sites. The council and mayor have assured me that due to a grant from the Ontario government, Midland has undertaken an expansion project to expand its facilities so that they can handle septage from Tiny. This project is scheduled for completion in 2027. I deal with Georgian Sanitation and they have just pumped my holding tank. The estimated cost is \$1100 because they have had to arrange for disposal in Blue Mountain; no other municipality closer to us is willing to accept our septage. This means that for the remainder of 2025, 2026 and 2027 those of us in Tiny using holding tanks will be paying roughly double for our pump outs.

My main concern, however, is not the cost. The cost is mitigated by the fact that the increase only applies to the times when Georgian and Regional don't have access to the fields they use for disposal. It is that the council have not arranged for disposal with anyone. After the mayor and council assured me that they have a solution to the problem scheduled for sometime in 2027 I followed up by asking what steps they have taken to secure disposal rights at another community. To date (over a week later) I haven't received an answer. It appears that council have left our service companies on their own for securing disposal services and so we have no guarantee that Blue Water, or anyone else they engage will provide disposal until the Midland expansion project is complete. If there is no municipality willing to accept septage from Tiny what happens?

Best Regards, Dave Nielsen, Tiny

Dear Editor

It may be dangerous to be America's enemy, but to be its friend is fatal.

Canadians are about to realize the truth of this statement. By imposing 25% tariffs on Canadian imports the Trump administration will cripple large sections of the Canadian economy, for how long is

yet to be determined. Oh yes, in a few months or even a year, negotiators will reach a settlement that Canadians can grudgingly accept, and cross border trade will resume. But the lesson we have learned is that we don't have a reliable business partner across the border, we don't have a friendly neighbour, we can't trust your president.

Good grief, President Trump has expressed a desire that Canada become the 51st state, and he has the military power to realize his dream; or perhaps he thinks the takeover of Canada will be a peaceful 'anschluss' and we will simply be absorbed into the larger American empire presenting him with an Elon salute every time he approaches. ( I hope he learns French quickly - no one has governed Canada for long without being bilingual, but he will find out soon enough)

With a few forced concessions I imagine the present tariff dispute will be resolved, but what we are now aware of is that Canada must be more self-sufficient in order to preserve our independence. We must create our own auto industry; Sweden and Italy have done it, so can we. Our air force must no longer be integrated with that of the USAF, we must build our own drones and purchase jet fighters from Europe. As an aside, Russian tanks will be very inexpensive shortly, but even at fire sale prices, I don't see a use for them, but the Russians are building nuclear powered ice-breakers which we should be bidding on. (Donald Trump sees the North West passage as a four lane American expressway - well, it's not but I'm sure he will re-name it soon.)

Does the Trump administration want an adversarial relationship with Canada? Does it care? In Ontario, if crippling tariffs are imposed by the U.S., Premier Ford promises to remove American whiskey and wine from shelves - how long will it be before Chrysler and Ford dealerships are closed? Who will drive a Tesla or a Cadillac? Will Canadians in the year 2030 wear Levi jeans and sport Nike labels? How many of us will vacation in Florida or buy a timeshare in Taos?

Is President Trump speaking only for himself, or are his statements about Canada reflective of the thinking of those in his inner circle? I see many advantages to a mutually supportive relationship, but there is no relationship based on coercion and demands, we'll simply go our own way.

Joffre McCleary, Barrie

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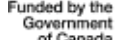
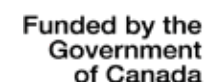


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# Tiny admin project gets closer with hiring of construction manager

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: [MidlandToday.ca](https://MidlandToday.ca), Feb 21, 2025

A construction manager at risk was chosen during the recent Tiny Township committee of the whole meeting, providing a keystone toward the upcoming 2027 administration centre project.

Barrie-based company Bertram Construction was selected out of 15 proposals, which underwent interviews and evaluations by the township since December. According to public works director Tim Leitch, the position would allow the consultant and contractor responsible to deliver the project, "get it built on time, within budget, and work with us during the whole design phase."

Hiring the construction manager at risk was a milestone for the project road map of the Tiny Township administration centre, which had been one of several ongoing elements scrutinized by opponents to the construction known for their 'Stop the Build' slogan.

There were many attempts to obstruct and deny the multimillion-dollar net-zero facility, including a failed globally signed petition to Queen's Park for a referendum and the citation of ice age grass as a primary reason for halting construction despite it appearing in many locations in the area.

At the regular meeting of council, an interesting open deputation occurred.

Tiny resident Tara Marshall addressed council by repeating a word-for-word submission of a written deputation from Drew Ironstone, which had been denied at a previous council

meeting due to his repeating a same-subject topic within the six-month allowance by the municipality.

Ironstone laid out an alternative build that used the current 58-year-old building along with a new campus approach. Marshall read Ironstone's nine-point recommendations, which included deferring, pausing, suspending, and reconsidering the build and its aspects immediately.

Council members who had ample time to read Ironstone's submission countered his points later in the meeting on many levels as he sat in the audience.

Coun. Dave Brunelle put forward a verbal motion to consider Ironstone's recommendations, adding a line about fiscal responsibility, which others on council, including Coun. Steffen Walma and Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins, took as a "slap to the face" before Brunelle retracted it.

While Ironstone conceded the Stop the Build campaign could be "more accurately reworded as Stop This Build" in his writing, Mayor Dave Evans took exception to the recommendations.

"All along, (opposition) has been 'don't build anything,'" said Evans. "The person who made a deputation tonight (was) representing a significant political viewpoint in our community, made nine points — nine — all to do with ending the building.

"Some people want to stop it altogether, and that's where I'm reading this from here right now," Evans continued. "I told you this on the phone. You're putting a proposal together that's very cursory and high-level. We've got Simcoe

County, who you used to work for at a mid-level range. We've got one of the best architects (Unity Design Studio Inc.) in all of Ontario. We've got the ancillary staff here, access to all the best people in Ontario, to come up with a number that makes sense for this building."

After challenging Ironstone's credentials and experience, Evans added: "You expect us to just stop and pivot 180 degrees because you don't like our opinion? I keep an open mind, (but) I see no reason, no evidence right now, that your argument is significant or sufficient enough for us to change our course of action."

Walma noted Ironstone's pitch had been an option in a 300-page April 2024 report at an estimated \$21.5 million compared to the approved project for a marginally higher cost. Leitch further explained how the current building had been subject to nearly a dozen leaks, ineffective HVAC, poor electrical connections to on-site portables, an over-capacity septic system, and more.

Brunelle attempted to have council reconsider Ironstone's proposal, stating, "I'm sure there's something we can reconsider at this point in time, because in about three months from now, it will be too late."


Council did not second Brunelle's motion, where it lay dead on the floor.

The construction manager at risk recommendation, along with deputation by Ironstone, can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.


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- Use a roof rake for safe removal.
- Tall or complex roofs? Call a pro!
- Sheds and outbuildings may need clearing more often.
- Stay safe and proactive this winter!

## Winter Maintenance Reminders

### Snow Removal

- Crews start with the busiest roads to help ensure Fire and Emergency Services can reach those in need. After the main roads are cleared, crews will move to residential areas.
- Do not deposit snow onto the roadway or sidewalks, or across the road into the ditch. Fines will be issued for violations of depositing snow.
- Operations staff will not tolerate any abuse or unwelcome behaviour. The OPP will be notified if such actions occur.

### Winter Parking

- No parking on the street during snow events.
- No parking on or near the sidewalk to give our sidewalk plow drivers space to work.
- The township can ticket and tow violators in order to maintain plow operations.

### Hazards

- Ensure children refrain from building tunnels or forts inside snow banks by roadways.
- Place garbage and recycling bins back from the road to avoid being damaged by plows, and keep them off of sidewalks.
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## Clear Your Vents!



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# Only three candidates participate in muted Simcoe North debate

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Feb 21, 2025

Three of the six people on Simcoe North ballots gathered online for an all-candidates meeting Thursday night in hopes of winning over voters for the Feb. 27 provincial election.

Hosted and moderated on Zoom by Peter Kostiw, president of the Southern Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce, the hour-long question-and-answer period was without tension or animosity as Liberal candidate Walter Alvarez-Bardales, Green candidate Chris Carr and New Blue candidate Dave Brunelle answered seven questions.

Three candidates not appearing at the debate – incumbent Progressive Conservative candidate Jill Dunlop, Libertarian candidate William Joslin and NDP candidate Jordi Malcolm — allowed for those attending to expand on their responses with little concern for exceeding the allotted time limits.

The absences also allowed some candidates to fire shots without retaliation at those not present. Alvarez-Bardales frequently threw shade on the Doug Ford PC government and policies while promoting Liberal Leader Bonnie Crombie, while Brunelle took aim at Liberal policies and outgoing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Personalities also played into their responses. Carr remained quiet with short answers to the point, occasionally referring to Green party policies but speaking from the heart primarily.

Brunelle stuck almost entirely to directly quoting New Blue party policies as he read verbatim, only deviating to personal opinion once. Alvarez-Bardales spoke freely, frequently referencing his experiences as he related how they aligned with the Liberal party policies.

The following questions were asked:

1: Does your party support increasing, maintaining, or decreasing funding for harm-reduction programs, including safe-injection sites?

Brunelle said safe-injection sites “don’t work” and wanted to get to the “root cause,” noting his party would divert safe-consumption site funding (from Liberal and PC governments) for rehabilitation instead. Alvarez-Bardales spoke passionately as a health-care professional, promoting the Liberal plan of maintaining funding to address root causes such as poverty and mental health; Carr nodded to those speaking points, adding supportive housing was another link in the chain.

2: Do you think a carbon tax is an effective tool for reducing emissions; if not, what should we do instead?

Carr said it was important to lower carbon emissions with the carbon tax as a great start, but he chided the PC government for fighting it, calling it a waste of taxpayer money. Alvarez-Bardales said reducing emissions could be accomplished by providing incentives, with “high polluters” paying those taxes. Brunelle criticized Trudeau with an aim to cut the carbon tax and bring manufacturing jobs back to the province with the saved money.

3: What specific policies would your party implement to address teacher shortages and improve classroom conditions in Simcoe North, and their rural schools?

Alvarez-Bardales again referred to a

comprehensive Liberal plan to address putting teachers and students first while expressing disdain toward Ford. Brunelle agreed, offering the New Blue party would reallocate climate change funding toward teachers, “removing ideologies” and making “classrooms safe again.” Carr said the Green party plan would reverse policies that cut student funding while he shared an anecdote of teachers paying for classroom supplies.

4: Does your party plan to increase, decrease, or maintain current provincial tax levels, such as income tax and sales tax?

Brunelle read statistics from his script, noting his party would cut out the HST over time as well as the carbon tax to address the high cost of living. Alvarez-Bardales agreed it was wasteful, attacking the PC government while saying the elimination of HST on base necessities would greatly save families money. Carr said his party would place higher taxes on the wealthy.

5: How would your party ensure timely access to long-term care, mental health care, and primary care in our region?

Carr stated his party would increase spending on preventative care, saying privatizing health care was a waste of taxpayer money. Alvarez-Bardales called the situation “grim,” chiding the government for being “neglectful on health care” and stating privatization would “perpetuate suffering” in the cyclic pursuit of profit. Brunelle disagreed on privatization, stating it would offer choices across the province.

A later question readdressed this topic — Carr and Alvarez-Bardales restated their views while the latter added health care was a “fundamental human right for all Canadians,” while Brunelle affirmed reallocating funding toward health care from green and climate change initiatives.

6: What concrete steps would your party take to improve access to mental health care and supportive housing in Simcoe North?

Alvarez-Bardales said his party would “add mental health care as an issue of health care” covered under OHIP, which drew approval from Carr. The question was the sole time Brunelle spoke off the cuff, admitting it wasn’t “a quick fix” and would hopefully be remedied “within one or two generations” while acknowledging transitional housing would help mental health care. Carr spoke to his party plan in working with not-for-profits in creating housing, reiterating a need for preventative care, to the nod of Alvarez-Bardales.

7: If polling data suggested that another candidate had a better chance of defeating the incumbent, would you consider stepping aside to avoid vote splitting? Why or why not?

Alvarez-Bardales replied he would if it meant the defeat of the Ford government, paraphrasing former U.S. president John F. Kennedy by saying, “We need not think what Ontario can do for us, but what we can do for Ontario.” Carr stated the Green party supported proportional representation where every vote counted. Brunelle stated a firm no as he promoted restoring democracy to the elected office.

The meeting concluded shy of the hour with closing statements by the candidates echoing party platforms that hadn’t been touched upon. It was recorded and is anticipated to become available on the Southern Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce website.

Coverage of the 2025 provincial election, as well as all Simcoe North candidates including their profiles and platforms, can be found through Ontario Votes on MidlandToday.



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### Self-Care: Beyond the Bubble Bath

Wednesday, April 2, 6-7:30pm  
Self-care is more than a bubble bath – it’s about nurturing your mind and body in meaningful ways. Join us for a discussion on realistic self-care practices, including psychological strategies, the power of movement, and tips for improving your sleep hygiene. You’ll get practical tools to boost your own well-being and build lasting self-care habits.

### Local Author Book Fair

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30-7:30pm  
Join us to chat with local authors about their books and the writing life. Authors will have books for sale.

For more information or if you’re interested in presenting your work as part of this book fair, please contact Jenn at [jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com](mailto:jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com)

### Canada Reads Watch Party

March 17-20, 9:30-11:30am, debates air at 10:05am

Spend the mornings with lively discussion, delicious coffee, and tasty snacks as we tune into the Canada Reads debates live! Vote for who you think will make it through the day, and chat with fellow book lovers about the debates.

### Read All About It: Genealogy with Old Newspapers with Linda Corupe

Thursday, April 24, 1:30-3pm  
Professional genealogist Linda Corupe will guide participants through finding genealogical information in old newspapers. This presentation includes a discussion of the different types of newspapers available to the researcher, what can be found in each, their evolution in our province, and how to access them.

### Babysitting Course with St. John Ambulance

Tuesday, March 11, 10am-5pm, Ages 11-15  
Cost: \$35

Learn the skills necessary to be a babysitter or stay home alone, such as basic first aid, safe play, changing diapers, bedtime routines, and handling emergencies.

### Friend Fest

Wednesday, March 12, 2-3pm  
Ages 10-14

Come hang out with us for a fun afternoon all about celebrating and making awesome friendships! Bring a friend – or make a new one while you’re here! We’ll do fun stuff like making friendship bracelets, playing trivia, and more. Plus, we’ll share some cool tips on how to be a great friend and keep strong, positive friendships going!

### Video Game Tournament: Mario Kart 8

Friday, March 14, 3-4pm  
Ages 12-18

Grab a friend and dust off your (video game) driving skills! Join us for an afternoon of casual video game competition and fun! Bragging rights to the winner and of course snacks and drinks for all!

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## NEW HOURS

The Springwater Public Library Elmvale and Midhurst branches are now open Monday mornings at 10 a.m.

### Volunteer Income Tax Program

In person, phone appointments and drop off processing of taxes are available for those within the tax brackets of: \$35,000 for one person, \$45,000 for two people, up to \$50,000 for a family of four. In person appointments are available in March and April at the Elmvale Branch, please call us to book your in person or phone appointment at (705) 322-1482. If you are using the drop off method of tax processing (starts Monday February 24), please ensure your documents are in a sealed envelope labelled with your address, phone number and email address. This program operates in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency. In person 30 minute appointments are available in March and April.

### Magic Card Club

Ages 9-13 join us for fun filled mornings learning how to play magic cards and build a deck. Saturdays starting March 1, 10:30am at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

### Sprouts and Microgreens

The South Georgian Bay Health Team will be at the library to teach you how to grow your own sprouts and microgreens at home. These superfoods are nutritionally dense and are a great source of vitamins and minerals. Tuesday March 4, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: Free. To register call (705) 422-1888 ext 143.

**March Break Programs:** See our website for cost and registration details.

Monday March 10 -Friday March 14 Road Trip Scavenger Hunt at all Branches.  
 Monday March 10 Take and Make craft kit:

Butterfly at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch.

Tuesday March 11 Make a Button at Midhurst Branch, Giant Jenga and Wii Day at Midhurst Branch, Stuffy Sleepover at Elmvale Branch and Tiny Book Workshop for Teens at Elmvale Branch.

Wednesday March 12 Stuffy Sleepover at Midhurst Branch, Giant Connect 4/Jenga Day at Elmvale Branch and Make a Button at Elmvale Branch.

Thursday March 13 Sublimation DIY Puzzle at Elmvale, Midhurst and Minesing Branch.

Friday March 14 Magic Show at Elmvale Arena and Hunger Games Trivia at Elmvale Branch.

### DIY Welcome Mat

Spring is just around the corner (really! It is!) Time to freshen up your front door! Come join us to make a beautiful personalized coir doormat in this two part program series taking place at the Midhurst Branch. Part 1: Tuesday March 18 - Design your Mat. Part 2: Tuesday March 25 - Make your Mat (this session is only for those who attend part 1) Cost: \$20 per participant (for both sessions). Registration required.

### Friends of Springwater Library Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Friends of Springwater Library is taking place Monday March 31, 5:30pm at Elmvale Branch. This meeting is open to both members and the general public who are interested in this group and the amazing work they do to support the library. No registration required.

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- 1 Hearth residue
- 4 Angry
- 7 Normal prefix
- 11 Sorority letter
- 12 It's found in banks
- 13 Periods
- 14 Pea's place
- 15 Considers
- 17 Aerobics result
- 19 Slippery long sea creature
- 20 Give color to
- 22 Kind of fingerprint
- 25 First-year medical residents
- 28 Dissembled
- 29 Hints
- 30 Apartment dwellers
- 32 Capt.'s estimate
- 33 Gum
- 34 Place for pennies
- 35 Chicken parts
- 39 Ring
- 43 Pantry pest
- 44 Hideous
- 45 Camp sight
- 46 Casual attire
- 47 Santa's sackful
- 48 Trifle
- 49 Finish (up)

### Down

- 1 Droid downloads
- 2 Present
- 3 Conceal
- 4 Bricklayer's bonding material
- 5 Have real existence
- 6 Fortifications
- 7 Flake off
- 8 Welder type
- 9 Overgrown mouse
- 10 Jerk
- 16 Umpire's cry
- 18 "Planet of the \_\_\_"
- 21 Create synergy, perhaps
- 22 Noise
- 23 Take home pay
- 24 Times Square features
- 25 "Rocks"
- 26 Squirrel's love
- 27 Non-alcoholic brew
- 28 Narrow street
- 31 One before ten, times ten
- 33 Fled
- 34 Pleasures
- 36 Feline musical
- 37 Kind of socks
- 38 Lather
- 39 Furrow
- 40 It can be bruised or massaged
- 41 Crafty
- 42 Besides

## News & Events at the Penetanguishene Public Library

**24 Simcoe Street 705-549-7164**  
**www.penetanguishene.library.on.ca**

### Penetanguishene Public Library Book Club

DATE : First Thursday of the Month  
 TIME : 4:00pm at the Library  
 Register in person with your valid library card. Our book club meets once a month to discuss a book that has been chosen by the library staff.

### International Women's Day

Friday, March 7th, from 10:00am-2:00pm  
 place: Knights of Columbus Hall  
 speakers from:  
 GBNWA, Midland Midwives, Chigamik, Operation Grow, Meridian Bank, Shoppers Drug Mart  
 \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members

### March Break Activities

Monday March 10th at 10am - 11am Ozobots  
 Tues March 11th at 1pm - 2pm Button Art  
 Thursday March 13th at 1pm - 2pm Sharpie Sneakers  
 Friday March 14th at 11am - 12pm Sticker Paint Art

All programs are free, non-transferable and for ages: 4-12

Register in person with your valid library card. Parents/guardians must stay in the building for the duration of the program. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program.

### Cloud Library Session

Monday, March 17 at 10:00am  
 Bring your tablets, connections, passwords, charger, and questions along with you to the session!

### Trip to Alaska

Friday, March 28 at 1:00pm -2:00pm  
 Janet and Paul Ryan will talk about their cruise to Alaska and share their experience, places to see, how to prepare the trip.  
 Free program open to everyone

### Resin Coasters

Monday March 31st 2025 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
 \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.



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Hemorrhoids can be prevented by eating high fibre foods, taking fibre supplements, drinking plenty of fluids, exercising, avoiding long periods of sitting and avoiding straining and heavy lifting.

As part of the minor ailments program, pharmacists can assess and potentially prescribe treatments for hemorrhoids. Certain red flags symptoms or medical history may require referral for further investigation. Assessments are done by appointment. Same day appointments are available. Call us



## Annie's Journal by Annie Warner Donnelly

Feb. 24, 2025 - Hello Everyone. I know it's too early to golf, but here's an illustration. In golf, they call it a mulligan; it's a shot that is replayed from the spot of the previous shot without a penalty. It's used when the previous shot, for some reason, went where

it wasn't supposed to go. The hole is then played and scored as if the first shot had never been made.

The term mulligan seems to have originated from a locker room attendant who worked at a golf club during the 1930s. John A. 'Buddy' Mulligan, was known for replaying shots, particularly on the first tee.

Mulligans are not allowed in official golf games. One or two mulligans may be allowed per person, in friendly games, if all parties agree.

A mulligan is really just forgiveness for making a bad shot; it provides an opportunity for us to try again. Doesn't that sound like something God does for us in real life?

The Bible says that God's mercies are new every morning. Frankly, I'm grateful to know this; I'm grateful to know I can have a new start every morning and sometimes more than once through the day.

When we fail to get things right and fall into

temptation and end up in sin, we can trust the words in 1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

How many mulligans does God give to us? As many as we need to get it right the next time and the first time after that.

What a relief! What a blessing!

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that we are new creations in Christ. Does this mean we're perfect? No. Does it mean that, in Christ, we can be forgiven? Yes!

God never leaves us nor forsakes. Does He like it when we sin? No.

Does God leave us when we sin? No.

Does God still love us when we sin? Yes!

Let's give mulligans to each other just like God gives them to us. Amen.

## Hey Dads!

Feb. 25, 2025 - Has the snow been a challenge for you this winter? Winter driving isn't on my top 10 list of things to do. Especially in a 2-wheel-drive full-size van. Now if it's full of 10 kids it's pretty good but when it's empty, the smallest amount of snow can prove difficult. If you've read any of these stories in the last year you may recall that we've acquired some pigs and calves and hens. So in addition to feeding a bunch of kids we also feed a bunch of animals. On a recent snowy Saturday I hooked up the enclosed trailer to the van, loaded up a few kids and headed out to collect a giant one-ton bag of brown oats for the animals. With barely enough traction to get out of my icy driveway we hit the road.

When we got to the farm where the oats were, I had some concern about the snow in front of the barn where I needed to load up. It was an imposing one or two inches deep and that could spell trouble for our grip-challenged van. The tote was around six feet tall and barely squeaked into my trailer

gently rubbing against the top of the door as it was pushed in. Loaded up we attempted to leave on the slightly-inclined driveway. It was a challenge that filled my heart with envy towards all my friends who pull trailers with 4-wheel drive trucks. After a few spins and some back and forth maneuvering we were on the road and headed home where our next challenge awaited us.

Appropriate for our small hobby farm is our small hobby tractor. This was the second bag of oats we had picked up for the animals and previous experience reminded me that it would be a struggle for my little Kubota to lift out. I'd definitely need some kids on the back for a counter-weight. The kids enjoyed climbing up on the giant sack and emptying half of it into another empty one we brought into the trailer from the barn. Surely our little tractor would simply lift half a ton out of the trailer! It wasn't exactly easy-peasey and it did require 3 kids standing on the back but we managed to slidey-scrape-lift the first bag out.

I guess the scraping part wasn't helpful because one of the kids happily informed me that we had ripped the bottom of the bag open and oats were

spilling out onto the snow-covered ground. We did our best to patch it up and collect the spillage. But I was glad we could share some of our newly-purchased oats with the pigeons and wild birds that would soon flock to this food-filled spot on the ground.

Our mission was a success. Oats were put in the barn. Calves and pigs and hens were happily fed. Hopefully the kids learned a bit about solving one-ton problems and finding ways to get the job done. Are there any hard jobs you've been putting off, dad? Maybe this weekend it's time to git'er done! Time flies! Make every moment count! Event the too-heavy ones!

Jason Weening just published a new book all about the injuries and adventures of life with 10 kids and one wife. You can get "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them" on Amazon.

Ancora Imparo, Jason Weening

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by Joanne Nijhuis

**CURRY SPICED CHILI**  
A SURPRISING TWIST ON A CLASSIC WINTER DISH



Feb. 24, 2025 - If you think you've sampled every chili variation out there, think again! This Curry Spiced Chili recipe takes the best of two beloved cuisines -Tex Mex and Indian - and blends them into one irresistible meal. Curry power, turmeric, cumin and a hint of cinnamon add layers of warmth and depth, turning traditional chili into something truly special.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Chickpeas - also called garbanzo beans - are packed with fibre and essential vitamins and minerals. With almost 15 grams of protein per cup of cooked chickpeas, they are a great way to add more plant-based protein to your meals and snacks. Protein has so many functions in the body and is important for muscle repair, optimal immune function and keeping you feeling full between meals. Whether tossed into salads, blended into dips or simmered in soups, this legume provides a satisfying protein boost.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1-2 Tablespoons (15-30 ml) olive or avocado oil
- 1 cup (250 ml) onion, diced

- 2 cloves garlic, minced or ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) garlic powder
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 cup (250 ml) potato or sweet potato, diced
- 2 Tablespoon (30 ml) curry powder
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) chili powder
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground turmeric
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon (2.5 ml) ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) ground black pepper
- 2 cans (28 fluid ounces; 796 ml per can) diced tomatoes
- 2 cups (500 ml) tomato juice or sauce
- 2 cans (18 fluid ounces; 540 ml per can) chickpeas drained and rinsed
- Salt to taste, optional
- ½ cup (125 ml) fresh cilantro, optional

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Heat the oil over medium heat in a large pot or Dutch oven. Add the onion, garlic, bell pepper, carrot and potato or sweet potato. Sauté for 5 minutes until

the onions are softened.

2. Add the curry and chili powder, ginger, turmeric, cumin, cinnamon and black pepper. Stir well to coat the vegetables with the spices.

3. Pour in the diced tomatoes, tomato juice or sauce, and chickpeas.

4. Bring to a boil, stirring often. Reduce heat to medium or low and simmer, stirring occasionally for 30-45 minutes until all of the vegetables are tender.

5. Adjust seasoning and add salt to taste, if using.

6. Remove from heat and stir in the fresh cilantro, optional.

7. Serve warm with brown rice, quinoa, wholegrain bread or flatbread, optional.

**ENJOY!**

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**Local group of farmers grow crops and donate**

By Luke Langman, Feb. 12, 2025

"You reap what you sow" is not only practical wisdom for life, it also applies the corn crop that was grown this year for the Canadian Food Grains Bank. A decent planting season stretched into a good growing summer and ended with an epic open warm fall with an amazing harvest. I will be telling my grandkids about the "Harvest of '24". Our local group of farmers grow crops and donate the money to the Canadian Food Grains Bank of Canada which helps to alleviate poverty around the world. The group this year included Langman's who planted the corn, Roger Spence who applied the herbicide and a busy harvest day with combines provided by David Spring, Ray KleinGebbnick, Matt and Jeremy Hummelink, John Parnell and Matt Ververs. Grain buggies were brought by Don Greidanus, Trevor and Bryson KleinGebbnick, Matt and Jeremy Hummelink, David Spring and Justin Jarick and Art Turner with Langman's. The harvest was trucked away by Dave Graham Trucking, Langman Transport and Colin

Giffen's Trucking to Larry Giffen's elevator. Special thanks to Arbor Lane Farms for a corn donation to Floradale Feed, Morely Minty as treasurer and Roger Spence as Production Manager.

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Gal 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Morley Minty, Treasurer  
Roger Spence, Production Manager  
Luke Langman, Coordinator

Photo: left to Art Turner, Kyle May, Don Greidanus, Matt Hummelink, Colin Giffen, Matt Ververs, Jeremy Hummelink, Ross Langman, Ray KleinGebbnick, Curtis Langman, Adam Langman and Drew Langman





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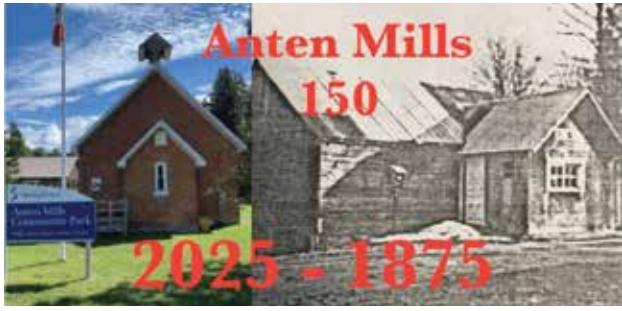
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## The Anten Mills Post Office

From McLaughlin to McRae - The Anten Mills Post Office

By Brian Keyes, Feb. 23, 2025

"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep the postman from their appointed rounds". In 1868 the Post Office Act of Canada was passed providing a postal service called the The Royal Mail of Canada.

In 1879 the first Post Office in Anten Mills was opened on Horseshoe Valley Road at the bottom of Hendrie Hill. The first postmaster was James McLaughlin. McLaughlin had bought land along Horseshoe Valley Rd later selling off parcels to Anderson Tennant sawmill and also the North Simcoe Railway (NSR). It is no coincidence that the first post office opened the year the NSR came through the new village which provided a transportation link to/from the outside world.

In 1921 Leo McLaughlin, son of James McLaughlin became the next postmaster. All told the McLaughlin family operated the post office and rural delivery for 70 years when Ron McRae bought the post office property and succeeded as postmaster in 1949. In 1953 Ron McRae passed away and his wife Annie became postmistress. Their son Ed McRae took over the rural mail delivery routes. The Anten Mills post office was closed in 1966 and moved to Minesing. In 1981 the Royal Mail of Canada officially became Canada Post.

Rural Mail Delivery was a key service to the community around Anten Mills in those early years. The postman (mailman) delivered the mail along various 'Rural Routes' which resulted in being part of your mail address (eg. John Doe RR#2 Anten Mills ON). A horse

cart or cutter (sleigh) often pulled by 1 horse was the early conveyance prior to cars/trucks. The deliveries were 6 days a week with no holidays or sick days. Rural farm people were always glad to see the 'mailman' to say hello, catch up on the news or just have a chat.

The incoming mail in Anten Mills was picked up at Hendrie train station each morning, sorted and delivered. The outgoing mail caught the late afternoon train. The Anten Mills post office was a very busy spot at Christmas with many cards, letters and parcels coming/going. (Yes, the post office did all this before Amazon/Purolator)



## Anten Mills by Dennis Gannon

Feb. 23, 2025 - It's fair to say that we are all over with winter. In fact on Saturday it is the beginning of meteorological Spring. That always happens on the first of March while astronomical Spring occurs on March 20 at 5:01 AM. Winter this year reminds many of us of winters past. Lots of snow, cold weather and high snow banks. The outlook for Spring from the weather specialist is above normal temperatures and drier conditions. Something to definitely look forward to.

On a more serious note our volunteer firefighters have had to battle the weather on three separate occasions during the past several weeks. There have been two house / structure fires and a rail locomotive fire. The firefighters battled extreme temperatures and heavy amounts of snow to work at extinguishing these fires. This is brought to your attention for a definite reason. House or structure fires increase in size every quickly. Experts state that a fire can go from a small flame to flashover, which means total engulfing between 3 and 5 minutes. To put this in perspective, a fire in a kitchen could spread to the entire house in less than 5 minutes. These facts are not meant to scare you but make you aware. You need to ensure that you have working smoke alarms in your home that are up to date and tested monthly. You also need to have a fire safety plan so everyone in the house knows what to do and where to go in the event that the smoke alarms activate. Simple but effective.

There is something else that everyone should know. We rely on very experienced and well trained firefighters. They are volunteers. They are not stationed at the fire hall but come from their homes or work to respond to the emergency. The closest fire station we have is in Minesing. That is a 7 to 8 minute drive in good weather after they get there. Once they are at the emergency they need to set up their equipment to fight the fire.

In our community we do have fire hydrants that can be accessed. Recently one community member posted on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page about their efforts to keep the fire hydrant near their house cleared of snow and suggested others do the same. Kudos to them. A trip through the community unfortunately found almost all fire hydrants buried by snow. To the few people who have gone out of their way to keep the hydrants accessible, a big thank you.

As stated at the beginning we are almost all finished with winter. It will still be here for a few more weeks. As a service to everyone in the village, if there is a fire hydrant near you, go out and shovel or blow the snow away. Let's keep our area fire hydrants available to be used and remember that it could be your family or neighbours who could benefit from your good deeds.

When a call goes out for help, there is almost always someone from the village who will answer the call. With the perfect temperatures we have had, the ice rink has had the best season in a number of years. The only drawback has been the snow. While the crew has been able to use snowblowers to get the snow off, the banks were getting too high. A call went out for help

The legacy of the McLaughlin family lives on in the village with the naming of McLaughlin Street. You may have thought McLaughlin Street was famous for the 'Giant Rock' on private property at 15 McLaughlin (don't trespass to see it) that attracted school children, families and the curious for its mystical powers or for the great floats in the current Santa Claus parades. Now you know that the street has a deep connection to one of our early village institutions, the Anten Mills Post Office.

with a tractor to move the banks. The next morning the call was answered and Jordan Carson showed up with his tractor and removed the snow banks. Now should there be more snow, there is a place to move it to. Our community appreciates all the volunteers who have worked on the rink this year and there is a good chance it will still be available during the March break.

Many will remember that in February volunteers went out and around the country seeking donations for Heart and Stroke month. That hasn't happened for some time but heart health is still important to recognize. Learning how to do Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is something that everyone should know. Modern CPR is easy to do and if you don't want to take a course you can learn it online. Doing CPR is the first step in the Chain of Survival. The next step would be the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). An AED can restart a heart that is no longer beating. An AED is totally safe and can never hurt someone. An AED will provide verbal instructions on how to use it. We are fortunate that we have an AED accessible 24/7/365 for us to use here in our community. It's located outside on the front wall of the community centre. Should you find yourself in a situation where someone has suffered a cardiac arrest, start the chain of survival. Call 9-1-1 immediately, begin CPR and if possible, send someone to the community centre and retrieve the AED. The chances of survival increase greatly when an AED is used so don't hesitate, start the chain of survival. As a footnote, there are AEDs at all the community centres in the township and all outside and are available 24/7/365.

Daylight Saving Time returns on Sunday, March at 2AM. We turn our clocks ahead and while we may lose an hour's sleep, we gain more daylight which is appreciated. It is also a good time to check your smoke alarms and replace any batteries that they may have.

That's it for this week. Remember to check out Brian's story on the post office we used to have. THANKS for READING, STAY WELL and BE SAFE.

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# Many years later, residents still oppose Sunnidale Rd. development plan

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: BarrieToday.com, Feb 21, 2025

For the second time in almost 20 years, a developer's proposal for the northwest corner of Sunnidale and Dobson roads in Springwater has been met with resistance from a number of local homeowners.

They argue the proposal, known as Stonemanor Woods phase five, is ill suited to the area and will have detrimental impacts on the environment, their privacy and their overall quality of life.

If approved, the development, located just west of Barrie, would bring the total number of single-family homes in Stonemanor Woods to 767.

Celeste Phillips, of Celeste Phillips Planning Inc., presented the proposal at a public meeting Wednesday evening in the township's council chambers.

She said the proposed draft plan of subdivision seeks to create 30 single-detached residential lots, which are to be serviced by municipal water and sanitary sewers, one stormwater management block and one commercial block.

The proposed residential development will be accessed by a new road which will connect to Marks Road in the existing Stonemanor Woods subdivision, Phillips noted.

The Official Plan amendment proposes to redesignate a portion of the land associated with the 30 residential lots from general commercial to urban residential.

The southwestern portion of the land would remain general commercial to accommodate the proposed commercial block.

According to Phillips, when the Centre Vespra community plan was approved in 2007, the land was designated general commercial.

"It was contemplated to be a small commercial site — a video store, a convenience store, a dry cleaner," she said. "Since then, consumer shopping patterns have changed and there's no need for this large of a commercial space."

Phillips said the space far exceeds what's needed for this part of Springwater Township, given its proximity to Barrie's retail-filled Bayfield Street.

She said a study done by Parcel Economics, commissioned by the property owner, recommended a reduction in the general commercial allocation to something that would accommodate a 5,000-square-foot commercial building and associated parking.

Phillips said the Parcel Economics study noted it was important that the commercial site needed to have exposure to Sunnidale Road, because Dobson Road is a dead end.

"A commercial site fronting Sunnidale would have the best bet of success," she said.

That didn't sit well with homeowners in the area.

"Stonemanor Woods has significantly contributed to destruction of our surrounding environment and peaceful country living," Sunnidale Road resident Jose Rato wrote in his letter of opposition to the

project.

"Now, not only is Stonemanor Woods proposing destruction of the last small piece of the forest across the street, but also renegeing on the original plan and wanting to locate a commercial property directly across from us, instead of where it was originally proposed, within the development, to service the development," he added.

Jennifer and Darren Bontius, Rato's neighbours down the street, were concerned about the congestion the commercial development might cause on an already busy road.

"The intersection of Dobson Road and Sunnidale Road is a very busy area and by putting an entrance to a commercial zone within such a short distance of this intersection is just going to cause additional congestion, chaos and safety concerns," they wrote in their letter to council. "Sunnidale is a busy road already; having the turn into a commercial development off of a much less busy road (Dobson Road) makes far more sense."

They said they understand the need to adjust the size of the current commercial zone, but also say the condensed footprint should remain where it is and either be located at the intersection of Dobson Road and Marks Road, or the corner of Marks Road and Street 'A,' which is a new proposed street

"With it remaining there, it does not affect the homes surrounding it as these homes were all bought/built fully knowing the property adjacent was zoned commercial," the Bontiuses wrote. "There are no homes on Dobson Road that the existing zoning would be interfering with, as well it would not increase traffic to the long-standing homes that are further up Dobson Road towards the dead-end."

Another resident noted the lack of space in local schools.

Scott Fuglsang, of Moreau Way, said he contacted the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) on Tuesday and was told that both schools in the area are currently operating at full capacity.

"Increasing the neighbourhood by potentially 30 more families would place an even greater strain on an already overburdened school system," he wrote. he need to adjust the size of the current commercial zone, but also say the condensed footprint should remain where it is and either be located at the intersection of Dobson Road and Marks Road, or the corner of Marks Road and Street 'A,' which is a new proposed street.

Fuglsang said the school board has no set timeline for the construction of a new school to accommodate the growing student population.

In its response to the township's invitation for comment, Carina Nunes, planner with the SCDSB, wrote the board's planning department staff have no objection to the proposed development and made the developer aware of the current situation.

"Please be aware that pupils residing in this



development may not be accommodated in local schools due to accommodation limitations," Nunes wrote.

She requested the following statements be included in all offers of purchase and sale:

- That the owner(s) agree in the agreement to include in all offers of purchase and sale a statement advising prospective purchasers that accommodation within a public school in the community is not guaranteed and students may be accommodated in temporary facilities; including but not limited to accommodation in a portable classroom, a "holding school," or in an alternate school within or outside of the community.
- That the owner(s) agree in the agreement to include in all offers of purchase and sale a statement advising prospective purchasers that if school buses are required within the subdivision in accordance with board transportation policies, as may be amended from time to time, school bus pick-up points will generally be located on the through street at a location as determined by the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium.

Township staff will now prepare a recommendation report for council's consideration.



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## Team Murphy in Coldwater Honours Paul Craddock

By Tom McGinnis, Feb, 10, 2025 - Team Murphy participated in the Coldwater old timers tournament. The number 13 sweater hanging on the bench is in memory of the teams owner and coach man who started the team 20 years ago

Paul Craddock also know as Running Shoe. He passed away suddenly on January 13, 2025.

Paul enhanced the career of his friends who loved the game as much as he did. A tremendous loss to the Elmvale and Phelpston communities.





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# Elmvale U13 LL2 Second Half of Season Recap

By Alissa Shanahan, Feb. 13, 2025

The U13 LL2 Elmvale Coyotes, proudly sponsored by BC Roofing and Sheet Metal, finished the first half of their season with an impressive 9-3 record, a feat that earned them a reseed into the competitive Division A for the second half of the season. However, the tougher competition proved to be a challenge for the Coyotes as they wrapped up the second half of the season with a 1-6-1 record. Despite the struggles, the boys displayed incredible resilience. Three of those six losses came by just one point, a testament to the team's heart and determination. Even in defeat, the Coyotes never stopped fighting and remained a force to be reckoned with on the ice.

As many fans may recall from the first half of the season recap, the Coyotes have developed a love-hate relationship with cats that continues to haunt their season. In one of the most dramatic moments of the second half, the Coyotes found themselves locked in a nail-biting game against Penetang. With less than a minute remaining and the score tied, Coach Jacobs put out a strong line in hopes of securing the win. The Coyotes were just moments away from victory when Penetang took possession of the puck. A shot on net was easily handled by goaltender Price, a save he had made countless times before. But, to the disbelief of everyone in the arena, the puck found its way into the net, giving Penetang the win. After the game, it was discovered that Price's cat had chewed a large hole in his glove, which allowed the puck to slip right through. While this may seem like a quirky misfortune, it's just the latest chapter in the Coyotes' ongoing feline saga. Parents have since been reminded to keep their cats safely locked away as the playoffs approach—no more distractions allowed!

In tournament play, the Coyotes had an unforgettable journey to victory at the Coldwater Classic on Saturday, January 11. The day kicked off with high expectations as the team faced off against the West Lincoln Wolverines in their first game. Despite putting up a solid fight, the Coyotes suffered a tough loss to the Wolverines, who ultimately went on to win the tournament. This initial defeat placed the Coyotes in the Silver Side of the competition, but the team remained determined and focused on their goal.

With a fresh perspective and renewed energy, the Coyotes bounced back in spectacular fashion. Their next two matchups saw them take on Coldwater and Oro, both of which were thrilling victories. The Coyotes' resilience and teamwork shone brightly as they dominated these games, showing why they deserved a spot at the top. These two exciting wins led the Coyotes to be crowned the Coldwater Classic U13 B Division champions!

Looking ahead, the Coyotes are gearing up for the busy and challenging months of February and March, with playoffs, the Clarington Thunder Classic, and the Constable Morgan Russell Memorial Tournament all on the horizon. The Coyotes' performance at the Coldwater Classic proves that they have the talent and heart to overcome obstacles and come out on top. Fans and supporters are eagerly anticipating the next chapter of the season as the Coyotes look to make their mark in future tournaments and playoffs. Stay tuned for more updates as this exciting journey continues! Go Coyotes!



The Elmvale Coyotes U13 LL2 are the Coldwater Classic B Division Champions!

## Ritchie's Feeds 'N Needs Elmvale Coyotes U8 LL1

### Team Enjoys a Successful Season Filled with Skill, Growth, and Lifelong Friendships

Written by: Paul Cunliffe, Feb. 21, 2025

The Ritchie's Feeds 'N Needs Elmvale Coyotes U8 LL1 hockey team has been enjoying a memorable season so far, marked by impressive skill development, strong teamwork, and valuable life lessons. With the season still in full swing, the players continue to show remarkable growth both on and off the ice, building a foundation for future success and creating lasting memories along the way.

Under the dedicated guidance of their coaching staff, the Coyotes have been focused on high-level skill development, refining key aspects of the game such as skating, passing, shooting, and positioning. Every practice has been structured to help players reach their full potential, and the results are evident in their increased confidence and abilities on the ice. This growth has not only led to strong performances during games but also to a deeper understanding of the game's strategy and structure.

The coaching staff has also placed a strong emphasis on teaching accountability and responsibility. The young athletes have been learning to take ownership of their actions, both individually and as a team. These lessons are helping the players become better

teammates, friends, and individuals, as they support each other and hold themselves accountable to the standards set by the team.

Respect has been a core value for the Coyotes, both in terms of how the players treat one another and how they approach the game. The team has fostered an environment of mutual respect, where each player understands the importance of trust, communication, and supporting their teammates. The result has been a cohesive, positive atmosphere that has propelled the team forward, both on and off the ice.

This season, the Coyotes have also traveled to Owen Sound and Midland for two highly successful tournaments, where they demonstrated both skill and sportsmanship. The tournaments provided valuable opportunities for the players to challenge themselves against teams from other areas, and they returned home with new experiences, stronger bonds, and unforgettable memories. The camaraderie built during these tournaments has helped the players form friendships that are sure to last a lifetime.

Looking ahead, the Elmvale Coyotes are preparing for their next big tournament in Haliburton, where they hope to build on their success and continue to grow as a team. The excitement surrounding the upcoming tournament is palpable, as the players are eager to showcase their progress and learn even more through competition.

The Elmvale Coyotes U8 LL1 team would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our team sponsor, Ritchie's Feeds 'N Needs. Their generous support has played a crucial role in helping the team succeed this season, providing the resources and encouragement needed to thrive both on and off the ice. We are deeply grateful for their contribution and commitment to the success of our young athletes.

As the season continues, the Elmvale Coyotes U8 LL1 team is proving that success isn't just measured by wins and losses, but by the growth and development of each player as an athlete, teammate,

and individual. The lessons learned this season—about accountability, teamwork, and respect—will stay with the players long after the final buzzer of the season. And the friendships formed both in and out of the rink will continue to be a cherished part of their journey.

With the Haliburton tournament just around the corner, the Coyotes are ready to continue their exciting season, knowing that the experiences and connections they've made so far are ones they will carry with them for a lifetime



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# ELMVALE SET TO HOST 24 TEAMS FOR THE MAPLE SYRUP COUNTRY TOURNAMENT

By Deborah Coughlin, Tournament Director  
Feb. 1, 2025 ELMVALE – The town of Elmvale is set to welcome 24 teams for the Maple Syrup Country Tournament, running March 7-9, 2025. The event will bring players, families, and hockey fans together for a weekend of intense competition, with games taking place at both Elmvale Arena and Wasaga Beach Arena.

Teams in the U9 MD, U11 Rep B, and U13 Rep B divisions will battle it out, with all championship finals held on Sunday, March 9, at the Elmvale Arena. With hundreds of visitors expected, downtown Elmvale will be fully decorated with EMHA banners to celebrate the tournament and show support for the teams.

### Local Businesses and Sponsors Step Up

The tournament would not be possible without the support of local sponsors. Fenceright Inc. serves as the main tournament sponsor, while Foodland has generously provided a case of Gatorade for each team to help keep players hydrated throughout the weekend. G&S Computers is always there to help out.

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Community support plays a major role in making this event a success, and the generosity of these sponsors helps create a memorable experience for all participants.

### Exciting Events On and Off the Ice

The skills competition, always a tournament highlight, will take place on Friday, March 7, at the Elmvale Arena:

U13 at 4:50 p.m., U11 at 5:35 p.m., and U9 at 6:10 p.m.

Players will have the chance to showcase their speed, shooting accuracy, and puck-handling abilities in a fun yet competitive setting.

### Silent Auction & Local Vendors

Hockey fans and community members won't just find excitement on the ice—there will be plenty to enjoy off the ice as well.

A silent auction will take place Friday and Saturday in the Springwater Room at the Elmvale Arena, featuring an impressive selection of items, including sports memorabilia, gift baskets, and more. Proceeds from the auction will go directly toward supporting Elmvale Minor Hockey and helping to keep registration fees affordable for families.

Upstairs at the Elmvale Arena, visitors can also browse a variety of local vendors, offering unique gifts, apparel, and handmade items. It's a great opportunity to shop local while enjoying the tournament atmosphere.

### A Community Celebration of Hockey

The Maple Syrup Country Tournament is more than just a weekend of games—it's a chance to bring together players, families, and the community to celebrate the sport. Whether you're cheering on a team, bidding on silent auction items, or checking out local vendors, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

All are welcome to attend, and organizers encourage the community to come out and be part of the excitement. For more information, visit [elmvaleminorhockey.ca](http://elmvaleminorhockey.ca).



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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Doug Shipley

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Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte

# Elmvale Area's Generosity and Creativity Makes Children Smile.



By Cathy Finlay, Feb. 23, 2025

In mid-February, just before leaving for Uganda, retired dentist Brian Cole, along with Brian's mother, Marilyn Cole and former colleagues Heather Graham, Sally Miller and Tanya King, dropped in at Elmvale Presbyterian Church. They met 82 small, knitted comfort dolls (also called Izzy dolls) which members of the congregation's craft group have been knitting over the past months. Each doll is unique and charming, just the right size to fit into a child's hand or stow into a pocket. You may have seen them displayed in the social room at Let's Do Lunch. Brian, Heather, Sally and Tanya will offer the dolls to children they meet through their work with Bridge to Health, a charity formed in Toronto in 2012. Working with local partners, Bridge to Health provides sustainable, cost-effective healthcare through educational programs, clinical service provision and medical devices that are appropriate for the needs of the community. Their actions are guided by global health ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality. If you would like to know more about this registered charity, check out their website at [bridgetohealth.ca](http://bridgetohealth.ca). They rely on the generosity of individual donors and grants for funding. Thank you to these four skilled and generous dental practitioners who offer their services in rural Uganda. And to all of the creative knitters, including Sandra Judge, Ann Day, Lila Beardsall, Gwen MacLean, Marlene Lambie and the anonymous people who dropped off dolls at the church building. Each of you will leave hope and Canadian creativity in the lives of these Ugandan children. We can hardly wait to see the photos this team brings back from Uganda! Photo to the left Left to right: Heather Graham, Sally Miller, Brian Cole, Marilyn Cole (Brian's mother) and Tanya King

Photo to the right Left to Right: Sandra Judge, Heather Graham, Sally Miller, Brian Cole, Marilyn Cole (Brian's mother), Tanya King and Lila Beardsall Photo to the Left Left to Right:

Marlene Lambie, Elizabeth Hill, Heather Graham, Sandra Judge, Sally Miller, Brain Cole, Brian's mother Marilyn Cole, Tanya King, Mary Fleming, and Lila Beardsall.



Photo: Left to Right: Marlene Lambie, Elizabeth Hill, Heather Graham, Sandra Judge, Sally Miller, Brain Cole, Brian's mother Marilyn Cole, Tanya King, Mary Fleming, and Lila Beardsall.

# Coldest Night of the Year in Elmvale

Submitted by St. John's United Church, Feb, 22, 2025

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Your generosity and dedication mean so much—not only did you help raise funds for an incredible cause, but you also showed that our community truly cares about those facing homelessness. A

special shout-out goes to all our volunteers whose hard work and commitment kept everything running smoothly.

For those who haven't had a chance to donate yet, donations are still being accepted. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us get one step closer to providing essential support and safe shelter for those in need.

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# ENOUGH ALREADY ... LETS THINK SPRING

By Linda Belcourt, Editor, Feb. 25, 2025

This one is for the history books.

A powerful snowstorm swept through Elmvale since the last edition, bringing heavy snowfall, strong winds, and hazardous conditions to the region. The storm left motorists struggling with blocked roads, and deep snowdrifts.

The snowfall accumulation made it one of the most significant winter storms Elmvale has faced in recent years. Winds gusting up to 70 km/h (43 mph) created whiteout conditions, reducing visibility and making travel nearly impossible.

OPP issued a weather advisory, urging residents to stay indoors and avoid unnecessary travel. Many were caught off guard. Emergency crews worked tirelessly to clear roads, and assist stranded cars.



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# Bearbells

by Leslie Noonan

February 21, 2025

Alright Mother Nature, it is time to stop shaking the snow globe, we get it. Trying to get out for snowshoeing has been all but impossible, as when I have a day off it means helping the significant other to shovel the roof, the deck and the drive. Here is your public service announcement; if you have not been shoveling your roof, and you experience any water damage or collapse, you may not be covered by your insurance. If you can't get up there yourself, consider hiring someone to shovel for you. After all, there is probably a short step from the top of your snowbank and onto the roof, though where you will throw that snow is an entirely different issue.

During the last heavy snow fall I headed out to try and enjoy the winter weather. There is almost no place left to park that is safe, and even when you can find a trail head the snow is still mid thigh and hard to traverse. With those thick and heavy snowflakes falling around me, I headed out to a local spot. The trail was almost impassable, and several times I lost my way. At times the snowfall was so heavy that I could not see more than a few feet in front of me. The piles of snow created trails that felt like I was in a tunnel, with a roof of deep grey sky. Weirdly, the tracks of rabbits and squirrels were above my head, as the local wildlife used the snow piles to access the slender trunks of young trees.

As I continued along the quickly diminishing trail, I began to feel that I was being watched. I have previously written about the importance of listening to that inner voice, that lizard brain that notices things that might just be a problem, and that you better take notice of. Through the thick flakes, I could just make

out the shape of a large canine stalking me along the trail. My heart went into overdrive, and I began to breathe fast and furious. My brain starts making contingency plans, including trees I may be able to climb and spend the night in. I have my poles, which I bang together, and usually this is enough to deter wild animals. Not this time, as the canine continues its slow advance toward me and seems to have no fear of humans. It has been many years since I have last had an encounter with an animal that stalked me. More than a decade ago I was hiking out on the back trail at the Wye Marsh, on a loop trail that was rarely used. I had the same feeling back then, that I was both being watched and followed. I had kept looking behind me and there it was, a large black bear staying just behind me. For more than three kilometres this bear stalked me, resulting in me getting my original poles and bear bells. A decade later and I once again have that same feeling.

Today, as that canine continues to stalk me along the trail, I think of the time I was in Copeland Forest. I was in the south part of the forest, on little used trails, when I heard the distinctive “yip, yip” of a coyote homing in on a hunt, with me being the hunted. A loud snarl, not meant for me, but for the young coyotes, and I continued along the trail unmolested but with some serious adrenaline. Which brings me to today's trails. With the massive snow, I have nowhere to go, and I turn to confront the beast that has been stalking me. Out of the heavy snow, the figure of a large beagle hound emerges. That is right, the greatest trek I have been on lately is in my own back yard, with a beagle looking for a snack and a snuggle.



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# PENETANG KINGS LIMP HOME IN 4TH PLACE AS SEASON ENDS



**Monday February 10 vs. Orillia**  
**Player of the Game**  
**Carson Thayer**



**Friday February 14 vs. Muskoka**  
**Player of the Game**  
**Tanner Thayer**



**Saturday February 15 vs. Stayner**  
**Player of the Game**  
**Landon Simec**



**Sunday February 16 at Orillia**  
**Player of the Game**  
**Cole Rumbolt**



**Monday February 17 at Midland**  
**Player of the Game**  
**Max Geere**

**The Penetang Kings finished the regular season in fourth place in the Carruthers Division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League as they managed to win just one of their final five games.**

Submitted by Jamie Robillard, Feb. 18, 2025  
 On Monday February 10th the Kings played host to the Orillia Terrier and came out on the short end of the score dropping an 8-2 decision. Scoring for the Kings were defensemen Carson Thayer and Nicholas Gage. Owen Moreau turned aside 39 shots in the Penetang nets while the Kings managed only 23 shots on Orillia

goaltender Nathan Hunter.  
 Friday February 14th the Kings exploded for nine goals on home ice and mauled the Muskoka Bears 9-1 to clinch fourth place in the standings. Owen Fuller opened the Kings scoring with two goals early in the second period followed by two goals from Carter Wilson and single markers from Jesse Bain, Camron Hutchinson, Noah Saye, Matthew Laframboise and Tanner Thayer. Thayer also collected four assists in the contest and was named the Kings player of the game. Penetang fired 45 shots at the Muskoka goalies while Landon Simec only faced 22 shorts in the Kings goal.

The Kings followed up Friday's game with another home contest on Saturday February 15th against the third place Stayner Siskins. In what was a goalie battel the Kings lost a narrow 2-1 decision in a shoot-out. Penetang netminder Landon Simec and Stayner goalkeeper Nathan Boudreau held their opponents scoreless until the Stayner final beat Simec with only 1:37 remaining in regulation time. Penetang responded with a goal from Matthew Laframboise with just 12 seconds remaining to tie the score and send the game to overtime. Both goalies continued to hold the opposition at bay and forcing a shoot-out where Stayner scored two goals to Penetang's one.



**Cole Rumbolt Rags the Puck**

Penetang then traveled to Orillia on Sunday February 16th losing 5-3 to the Terriers. Harrison Holryod, Cole Rumbolt and Nick Story score one goal each for Penetang. Owen Moreau turned aside 23 of the 28 shots he faced in the Penetang goal, while Ried Thomas made 37 saves for the Terriers.  
 The Kings finally wrapped the busy long weekend in Midland on Monday afternoon February 17th taking a 4-2 loss from the Flyers. Max Geere and Jacob Vanderburg scored the Kings tallies. Kevin Pearson stymied the Penetang attack for the second time this season making 46 saves in the Flyers goal. Simec stopped 20 Midland shots in the Penetang net.  
 This concludes the regular season for the Kings, and they will now face the Huntsville Otters in the League quarter finals.

Notes: The Kings players and coaching personnel participated in the Winterama Parade on Saturday February 15th, handing out bags of candy to children along the parade route. Afterwards many of the players then attended the Penetang Minor Hockey Local League Tournament at the arena signing autographs for the participants and assisting the organizers with the on-ice skills competition.

The final standings have the Alliston Hornets capturing first place with 82 points followed by Orillia with 71 points, Stayner with 59 points and Penetang with 39 points in 42 games. Huntsville finished fifth with 34 followed by Innisfil with 33 Midland 20 and Muskoka 14 points respectively.

Alliston only dropped two games all season, both by shoot-outs.

Alliston will face Muskoka, Orillia will clash with Midland and Stayner will meet Innisfil in the other best of seven quarter final play-off series.



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## Community Events - Ongoing

### SENIOR CLUBS

#### Askennonia Seniors Centre

Rec. Centre, 527 Len Self Blvd, Midland  
P: (705) 526-7609

#### Bay Shore Seniors' Club

2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach  
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

### MONDAY

#### Midland Jam

**Mondays 6:30-10 pm** Free, Bring food bank item,  
1st come, first 15 minute play  
Midland Cultural Centre, 333 King St, Midland

#### Elmvale Seniors Drop In

**Monday's**  
10 am - 12 noon  
Elmvale Library. Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

#### Bid Euchre

**Elmvale Community Hall** 1 pm - 4 pm  
Every Monday.  
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Billiards/Pool**, 9:00 – 11 am  
**Seniors in Motion Fitness**, 10:00 – 11:00 am  
**Hustle and Muscle**, 11:30 – 12:30 pm  
**Bid Euchre**, 1 – 3:30 pm

#### Askennonia Seniors Centre

**Table Tennis**, 9am-11am  
**Yoga**, 9am-10am  
**Fun Fit Circuit**, 9:15-10:15am  
**Coffee Break**, 10:30-12pm  
**Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps**, 10:35-11am  
**Walking Club**, 11 am-12pm

### TUESDAY

#### Elmvale Legion

**Tuesdays at 1 pm**  
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

#### Palace Tavern Elmvalle BINGO

**Every Tuesday night**  
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

#### Bay Shore Seniors Club

**Billiards/Pool** 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.  
**Indoor Pickleball** 1:00 - 2:30 pm  
**Bid-Euchre** – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Billiards/Pool**, 9:00 – 11 am  
**Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners** 9:30 – 11:00 am  
**Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate**, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

#### Askennonia Seniors Centre

**Badminton**, 1pm-3pm  
**1:30 Circle of Friends**, 1:30pm-2:30pm

#### Probus Club of Simcoe North

**Penetang Legion, Poyntz St., Penetanguishene**  
Monthly meeting for fun & fellowship every second  
Tuesday. Mary Grise (705)526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.com

### WEDNESDAY

#### Bay Shore Seniors Club

**LifeStyles** - 9:00 - 10:30 am  
**Bridge** – 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Access Art** - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m  
**Indoor Pickleball** - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Billiards/Pool**, 9:00 – 11 am  
**Chair/Floor Yoga**, 9:30 – 10:30 am  
**Zumba Gold**, 11:30 – 12:30 pm  
**Games Afternoon**, 12:30 - 3:30 pm  
**2nd Camera Club**, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

#### Askennonia Seniors Centre

**Step Class**, 9 am-10am  
**Chair Yoga**, 9:30am-10:30am  
**Cribbage**, 10am-11am  
**Men's Shed**, 10am-12pm  
**Walking Club**, 11am-12pm  
**Creative Crafting**, 1pm-3pm

### THURSDAY

#### Jam Night Elmvalle Palace

**Thursdays at 9 am-1am**  
13 Queen St. W, Elmvalle , 705-322-1741



#### Probus Club of Simcoe North

**Meetings monthly 2nd Thurs. 10 a.m**  
For women & men in retirement or semi-retirement.  
Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St.  
Mary Grise 705-526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.com

#### Coffee Party

**Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.**  
Elmvale Presbyterian Church  
All Welcome, Cost: \$3

#### Bay Shore Seniors' Club

**Choir** 10-11:30 am  
**Book Club** (4th Thurs) 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
**Darts** 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach  
Call 705-361-1331 or info@bayshoreseniors.ca

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Billiards/Pool**, 9:00 – 11 am  
**1st: Movie and Lunch**, 12 noon - 3:30 pm  
**2nd & 4th: Tiny Stitchers**, 9:00 - 3:00 pm  
**3rd: Book Club**, 1:30-3:30 pm

#### Let's Do Lunch \$5:

**Elmvale Presbyterian Church**  
**2nd Thursday of the month.** Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5  
For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411  
between 9 & noon on the Monday previous.  
Pick-up Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 at East side of the church.

#### Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

**Thursdays 2-3:30 pm call 705-526-6077**  
St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St  
Midland

#### Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

**1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.**  
Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room  
All persons living with Parkinson's Disease and their  
care partners are welcome. For more info. contact  
Dwight (705) 795-6952 or Phil at Bender.philip@gmail.com

### FRIDAY

#### Bay Shore Seniors' Club

**VON Smart Exercise (FREE)** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
**Woodcarving** 10:00 - 3:00 pm  
**Billiards/Pool** 10:00 - 12:00 pm  
**Indoor Pickleball** 10:30 - 12:00 pm/ 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
**Shuffleboard** 1:00 - 3:00 pm

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**Billiards/Pool**, 9:00 – 11 am  
**Table Tennis**, 9:30-11:30 am  
**3rd Bingo & Lunch**: 12 noon - 3:30 pm  
**TGIF social**, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

#### Askennonia Seniors Centre

**Knit'n Needles**, 9am-12pm  
**Drumming Alive**, 9am-10am  
**Pickleball**, 9am-11:30am  
**Chair Yoga**, 9am-10am  
**Badminton**, 9:30am-11:30am  
**Game Club**, 10am-11am  
**Tabata**, 9am-10am  
**Card Making**, 1pm-3pm

### SATURDAY

#### Elmvale Legion

**Saturday at 5 pm**  
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games  
3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00  
a ticket (\$25.00 value)

### SUNDAY

#### Bay Shore Seniors' Club

**Indoor Pickleball** 2:00 - 3:30 pm

#### Good Vibes

**First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.**  
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### MONDAY to FRIDAY

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Wed & Fri 1:00 - 2:00 pm 44 River Road West  
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**Wed. 9am @ Elmvalle Community Hall**  
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**Times and locations all subject to change.**  
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#### North Simcoe Bridge and Games Club

**Brooklea Golf and Country Club**  
**Mon. 12:45pm:** Duplicate Bridge, **Tues 6:45pm:**  
Social Bridge, **Wed., 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge,  
**Thur. 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge, **Fri. 12pm:** Bid  
Euchre. Contact Gail Chapman @ 705-361-9222 or  
northsimcoebridge@gmail.com.

#### Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach

**Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am** at various locations,  
year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter  
can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm**  
from a park near Foodland, WB. Weekly, Monday  
morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal.  
Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or  
lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

## Special Events - One Time

#### Georgian Shores Seniors Club

**February 28, from 1 to 3 pm.**  
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny  
Open House - all welcome  
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705 526 5074 Georgianshoresseniorsclub.ca

#### MCC Presents: Molly's Comedy Cabaret

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#### Reflections of Georgian Bay

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**Saturday April 26 from 10am - 5pm**  
**Sunday April 27 from 10am - 4pm**  
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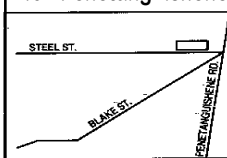
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**When Someone "Just Don't Get It"**

Feb. 23, 2025- Is there someone in your life who drives you crazy because they "just don't get it?" Perhaps it is a partner, parent, child, friend or co-worker. They simply are not on the same wavelength, and no matter how much you hint, cajole, lecture, explain or plead, they just do not see things the way you do.

This can indeed be frustrating, but there is another side to the issue. When we view someone in this way, it really means we are judging them. We are saying our way is better, correct, or more evolved than their way.

Further, we are saying we are smarter, more astute, more in tune, more aware or more evolved than they are. The problem is, this is not a very evolved way of thinking and being. It actually could be perceived as being arrogant, disdainful, and lacking in understanding and compassion. An evolved person would not demonstrate these qualities.

Everyone has a different background, different experiences, and different levels of emotional intelligence or intellect. Expecting others to be like us is recipe for disappointment. Getting angry with them because they are not like us can be like being angry with a blind person because they cannot see.

Ideally, if we are on a path of personal growth and are choosing to be conscious, then we would aim to accept our differences and to see the good in others. We would attempt to understand their point of view and the reasons for their actions and behaviors. Further, if we are respectful of them, they may be more open to seeing a different point of view (ours).

Sometimes people get into relationships with one who quite different. They then proceed to try to "renovate" that person to suit their view of what a partner should be like. Conflict is the outcome.

If the words and behaviors of the other are abusive or demeaning, then of course it is fine to move on, or have little, if anything to do with them. This can still be an evolved course of action, so long as we do not rant about how stupid they are, or gossip to all who will listen about our negative impressions, but rather simply bless them and move on.

Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, audio recordings or to read other articles visit [www.gwen.ca](http://www.gwen.ca). Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND  
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FOR  
SHORELINE AREAS IN PROXIMITY  
TO GEORGIAN BAY & DYNAMIC  
BEACH MANAGEMENT BY-LAW**

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Sections 16, 21, 22 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, the Township of Tiny will hold a **Public Meeting** on **March 31st, 2025 at 5:00 p.m** in the Council Chambers, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario, to consult with the public on proposed municipally initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments regarding the management of shoreline areas in the township, including dynamic beaches.

An opportunity will also be provided for the public to provide comments on a draft dynamic beach by-law which is a by-law that is proposed under the Municipal Act and is proposed to apply to shoreline areas in proximity to Georgian Bay.

**THE PURPOSE** of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments is to manage buildings, structures and uses in proximity to Georgian Bay and the 178 metre GSC elevation to limit potential impacts to human health and safety and the natural environment in accordance with the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement.

**THE EFFECT** of the amendments is to include in the township planning documents the policies and regulations that regulate development in proximity to Georgian Bay and the 178 metre GSC elevation.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 22(6.4) and 34(12) of the Planning Act, the application file is part of the public record and is available to the public for review. A copy of the drafts for review in advance of the meeting will be available on the township website [Interim Control By-law | Township of Tiny](#) on March 9th, 2025.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that in accordance with the *Planning Act*, with respect to the proposed amendments, any person may attend the meeting and make representation or present submissions respecting this matter. Written submissions regarding the amendments can be made to Cathryne Mallowney, Planning Administrative Coordinator via email at [cmallowney@tiny.ca](mailto:cmallowney@tiny.ca) or by mail or municipal office drop box at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario, L0L 2J0.

If you are unable to make a written submission and wish to make an oral statement during the meeting, please visit [www.tiny.ca/deputations](http://www.tiny.ca/deputations) for instructions on how to make a deputation. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision, please forward requests (with forwarding addresses) to Cathryne Mallowney, Planning Administrative Coordinator via email at [cmallowney@tiny.ca](mailto:cmallowney@tiny.ca) or by mail or municipal office drop box at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario, L0L 2J0.

Written and oral submissions concerning this application will become part of the public record.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Tiny to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Tiny before the by-law is passed, or the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Tiny before the by-law is passed, or the Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

A decision on this proposal will not be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments received, township staff will make a recommendation at a future Council meeting.

Dated at the Township of Tiny this 27th day of February, 2025.

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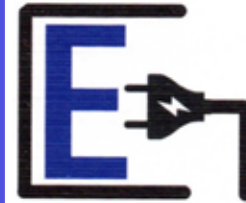
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**Township of Tiny Council approves the 2025 Budget**

By Township of Tiny, February 11, 2025  
(Tiny, Ontario) The Township of Tiny Council approved the 2025 Budget at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 4, 2025. Staff will report back to Council following the 2024 year-end with any amendments due to projected surplus.  
“During this year’s budget discussions, Council made important decisions to keep property tax increases to a minimum, while making significant investments into our aging infrastructure,” said Mayor David Evans. “With our Asset Management Plan as a guide, the 2025 Budget responds to external pressures like contract increases and growth pressures, while also funding the great programs and services residents deserve. This approved budget is a testament to our shared commitment to supporting the Tiny community and ensuring our tax rates remain as one of the lowest in Simcoe County.”

2025 Budget Highlights:  
\$41.3m gross budget, \$18.4m tax supported (net budget) which includes investments in the following:  
• \$1.47m in infrastructure levy for capital improvements which includes the recommendation from the Township’s 2024 Asset Management Plan to increase the annual levy by 2.39% for spending on capital infrastructure to ensure that Tiny is on track to close the township’s infrastructure deficit within 20 years  
• \$2.7m investment into 13.6km of road paving and preservation projects  
• \$850k in bridge rehabilitations including phase 2 of the Withall Dam project  
• \$630k investment into park fleet, amenities, facilities, and trails including \$30k for a dog park in Toanche, Concession 14 and 15 Beach Access improvements, and continued delineation of waterfront property project

- \$1.99m for Water infrastructure improvements including \$1.32m for the Georgian Bay Estates/Sawlog Bay Watermain Replacements and \$450k for the installation of water meter program for Lafontaine (note that these improvements are funded by water rate payers)
- \$720k investment in Fire related equipment and reserves
- \$650k for financing costs for the Township of Tiny Administration Centre (note: for the average MPAC assessed residential property of \$350k, this means a monthly tax bill increase of \$1.42 in the municipal portion of the residential property tax bill)
- \$200k set aside for the library reimbursement program to allow all households one free household membership at any one of the Midland, Springwater, Penetanguishene, or Wasaga Beach libraries

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# North Simcoe Capitals Claim Gold at Barrie Sharks Winter Classic

By Team Manager, Anna Hartman, Feb. 19, 2025  
 The U9 Rep B North Simcoe Capitals battled their way to gold this Family Day weekend, winning the Barrie Sharks Winter Classic in thrilling fashion. The Capitals started strong with a dominant 6-0 win over Ennismore, followed by a hard-fought 4-1 victory against Kincardine. Their third game saw them face Grand River in a tense matchup, ending in a 1-1 tie that left both teams tied for first in the standings. Finishing atop their pool, the Capitals took on the hometown Barrie Sharks in a semifinal showdown on packed home ice. The game remained deadlocked

through regulation and overtime, leading to a nail-biting shootout. The Capitals prevailed 2-1 in a best-of-three shootout, earning their spot in the finals. On Family Day Monday, they met Grand River once more in a battle for gold. Down 2-0 with just five minutes remaining, the Capitals ignited a late-game comeback, scoring twice to tie it up. With only 47 seconds left on the clock, they struck again to take the lead. Grand River pulled their goalie in a desperate final push, but the Capitals controlled the play and secured their championship win. A true display of resilience and determination, the Capitals brought home gold!



Photo: Front Row - Hailey Bowen, Arya Mohan, Ivy Hesser, Nesewin Pamajewon, Maelle Forget  
 Back Row - Emmett Lees, Nora Genier, Pippa McIntosh, Sofia Columbus, Collyns Smith, Olivia Gunnis, Blakely Spence, Gwen Duquette  
 Coaching Staff: Christian Forget, Ashley Bowen, Marc Duquette & Jeff Lees

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We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for our Free Family Day Skate. It was wonderful to see so many families come together, enjoying time on the ice and creating special memories. Your support and participation mean the world to us. We are honored to serve this community, and we deeply appreciate the trust you place in us during life's most important moments. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives—we look forward to continuing to support and serve you with care and compassion.

OBITUARIES

**WOODCOCK, William**

(Woody) 89 yrs. old of Cape Coral, Florida passed away Thursday December 12, 2024. Arrangements by National Cremation & Burial Society Fort Myers, Florida



**KING, Larry and Linda**

Passed away suddenly and tragically together on February 8th, 2025. Larry at the age of 80 years old, and Linda at the age of 77 years old. Loving father and mother to Cory King (Ann King) and Christopher King (Tammy King). Beloved grandparents of Emily Lefaive (Eric Lefaive), Lewis King (Alyssa Drenters), Hayden King, and Aimery King. Cherished great-grandparents of Ayla and Owen Lefaive.

Larry will be remembered by his father Leo Roi and his siblings Annette King, Joan Kwissa (Rick Kwissa), Katherine King, Margaret King, Linda King, Marlene Roi, Blanche Fox, and Francis King. Predeceased by his mother Lorraine Roi, siblings Donald King, Peter King, and Caroline King.

Linda will be remembered by her mother Dorothy O'Rourke and her siblings Barbara Rowe (Dave Rowe) and Bob O'Rourke. Predeceased by her father, Harold O'Rourke.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in the Spring; further details to follow.

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**OBITUARIES**



**RITCHIE, Jacqueline**

Jackie (Jacqueline) Ritchie passed away surrounded by family entering her 89th year at Hillcrest Village Care Centre in Midland on February 23, 2025. Jackie was married to the love of her life, Stanley Ritchie, for 61 years. She was a loving and caring mother to David, Eunice Pandolfi (Robert) Vaillancourt, Bruce (Carolyn), and Denise (Robert) McLean. The devoted Grandma to Jason, Nicole, Zachary, Emily, Nathaniel, Kaden, and Meghan. Jackie is survived by her sister Marilyn (Allan) Buie and late Ada (survived by Wayne) Weatherall. She was predeceased by her parents David “Sherlock” and Marjorie Metheral. She will be sadly missed by her sisters-in-law Dollie (late Terry Moulden), the late Grant (Survived by Dianne). She will be greatly missed by her numerous nieces, nephews, friends and customers.

Jackie was known for her smile and generosity. She cared for the community of Elmvale and enjoyed involving herself in Presbyterian Church groups, Knitting dolls for Fire Departments, Saurin Women's Institute, Lioness Member, Cubs and Scouts Leader, Rebekahs, Curling, Elmvale Figure Skating Club and Coached Elmvale Hockey. She was a loving wife, a loyal sister, and owner of Ritchie’s Feeds ‘N Needs & Garden Centre. Her greatest joy in her life was her children and grandchildren. Many people in the community had a special relationship with Jackie and may have been able to join her in dancing and playing cards.

A viewing will be held from 2–4pm and 7–9pm on Friday February 28, 2025 at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home.

A service will be held for Jackie on Saturday March 1, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the Elmvale Presbyterian Church. You may also view the service via YouTube:

Search: Elmvale Presbyterian Church or <https://elmvalepresbyterianchurch.com/live-stream/> Cremation with interment at the Elmvale Cemetery at a later date.

Jackie’s family would like to thank all the nurses at Hillcrest Village Care Centre for their exceptional care, support and love.

Donations in her memory can be made through the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home for the Light the Ball Park Fund and Elmvale Food Bank.



**QUESNELLE, Margaret**

Margaret passed away peacefully at Georgian Bay General Hospital on February 5th, 2025, with her family by her side, at the age of 87. She was the loving wife of Gabriel Quesnelle for 62 years.

Margaret was the devoted mother of Peter (Debbie), Patrick (Cindy), Maurice (Theresa), and Pauline (Steven). She was the daughter of the late Edmond and Blanche Desrochers and one of 16 children.

She is survived by her siblings Jeanette, Anne, Alfreda, Marie, Marianne, Dolores, Cathy, John, Paul, James, Alde, Gerard, and Bernard, and predeceased by her brother Edmond and sister Theresa.

Margaret is also survived by her sister-in-law Marie and predeceased by sisters-in-law Fleurette and Jeanette, and brothers-in-law Richard, Gildore, Marshall, Donald, Philip, and Gilbert.

Margaret was deeply dedicated to her husband, children, and grandchildren. Her family was her source of pride and joy. She had an undeniable love for children, always surrounded by those she cared for deeply throughout her lifetime—first her younger siblings, then her children, grandchildren, and ultimately great-grandchildren.

She is also remembered as a favorite substitute teacher over the course of her 30+ years of teaching, as well as for her role at Kinark as a family access supervisor, working closely with children in various programs. In her spare time, she volunteered at the soup kitchen.

Her nurturing and loving demeanor brought comfort to everyone around her. Her focused dedication and determination to provide the best for her family were unwavering.

Margaret loved family occasions and hosting large family events. While preparing meals, she would often be pulled away by a little hand for playtime, to which she always happily obliged.

At home, Margaret and her husband enjoyed playing cards together, visiting with family and friends, and keeping a watchful eye on all of the family. She loved tending to her large vegetable gardens on the farm and, eventually, her smaller flower gardens at their new home next door. They also enjoyed camping in their early years when the children were young and traveling together, with their most memorable trip being their 50th wedding anniversary celebration with the entire family in Mexico.

Margaret will be lovingly remembered as Marg, Mom, or most importantly, Meme. She leaves behind seven grandchildren: Kayleigh (partner Kirk), Alyssa (husband Chris), Zachary (wife Madison), Brianne, Alexander, Lucas, and Tatjana; as well as six great-grandchildren: Brynn, Brooklyn, Harper, Hailey, Jacob, and Isabelle. Meme played a role in raising each of her grandchildren; her daycare service was affectionately known as “Camp Meme.”

Family will always remember how easily Meme could be convinced into doing just about anything by one of the grandchildren. They will also always remember all of the joy and laughter that filled her kitchen at family events.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the nurses and doctors who cared for her at GBGH.

As per Margaret’s wishes, there will be no funeral. The family will arrange a celebration of life in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Margaret will be dearly missed by all of her family, friends, and her beloved dog, Bijou.

Margaret's unwavering love and care for her family will endure as they continue to live, love, and support one another, just as she did throughout their lives.

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**Bruce Douglas Wilkes**

After a prolonged battle with Alzheimer’s Bruce passed away in peace at home. Bruce, loving husband of 56 years to Lis, will be loved. His daughter Jody will cherish fond memories of endless stories. His two granddaughters, Brooke and Hannah will always tell stories about his jovial candor. Stories and laughter will be shared to his new great granddaughter Rose. The endless stores will be told again and again with great laughter reminding us of his endless bantering and passion for conversation around the dinner table. Funeral will be held on Friday February 28, 2025 at the Calvary Baptist Church 598 King St, Midland Ontario L4R 4P3 at 1:00 pm. Arrangements entrusted to Carson Funeral Homes (705) 526-6551. Online condolences and memories may be left at [www.carsonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.carsonfuneralhomes.com)

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**ALDERSON, Marshall**

We are saddened to announce the passing of Marshall Alderson, age 69, on November 21, 2024, and his older brother Larry Alderson, age 74, on February 14, 2025. Both brothers fought lengthy illnesses.

Survived by brother Ron (Anne), and stepbrother Ernie (Nancy). Predeceased by parents Bertha and Norm, and sisters Julia, Nancy, and Betty.

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